

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1.-4. (canceled).
5. (currently amended) A towel dryer comprising:  
an aluminum body, the body comprising a surface configured to ~~support~~ contact and transfer heat to a towel to be dried, the surface having a degree of reflectance not less than 80%.
6. (previously presented) The towel dryer of claim 5 wherein the body comprises at least one tube for carrying a heated fluid, the surface on the outside of the at least one tube.
7. (previously presented) The towel dryer of claim 5 wherein the surface is a mechanically polished surface.
8. (previously presented) The towel dryer of claim 5 wherein the surface is a chemically or electrochemically treated surface.
9. (previously presented) The towel dryer of claim 5 comprising a clear lacquer coat on the aluminum surface.
10. (previously presented) The towel dryer of claim 5 wherein the surface is an anodized surface.

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11. (previously presented) The towel dryer of claim 10 comprising a clear lacquer coat on the anodized surface.

12. (previously presented) The towel dryer of claim 10 wherein the anodized surface comprises Eloxan.